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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of May 27, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 27, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this Reply.

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